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SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...we've always done it this way. I'm sorry, Mr. President.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you. We've already done it. We've always done it this way; why should we change now? Well, I would tell you that one change is LB 620, and LB 620 would explicitly include, I believe, ethanol production facilities. So if the state is going to make a contribution or if a contribution from state government is needed, there it is. The rest of it, I think, could be handled most appropriately and most beneficially, I believe, from the users of these plants by those involved in the agricultural industry. So, again, that is...that is the position from which I...I come. I think you...

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, again I want to rise in opposition to the motion to reconsider, in part, of course, because I think the underlying motion is to present the bill...represent the bill to the wrong committee. As I've noted in prior discussions, I think that it may be...in fact, I will recommend to you that it, the bill, be recommitted to Revenue because, in light of all of our discussions, I think that's entirely appropriate. Now, earlier I had suggested that we should have the bill recommitted to Revenue so that we could evaluate the earlier Raikes amendment. I think that's entirely appropriate. I can...if you recall, I supported that amendment. I thought that was a very innovative approach to the issues that are before us and I continue to think that that is an innovative approach to the issues before us. I'm not going to suggest, however, if the bill is recommitted to Revenue that that might be the only thing that we would consider in the Revenue